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### **\$5 million in new funding for innovative programs will help more than 1,000 veterans find high-wage jobs in growing industries**

**SACRAMENTO** – Nearly \$5 million in funding for innovative job training services will help more than 1,000 veterans throughout California, from Imperial County to the San Francisco Bay Area, find high-wage jobs in the state's growing industries.

"We owe a special debt of gratitude to the men and women who have volunteered to serve our country in the armed forces," Victoria Bradshaw, Secretary of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, said. "These grants help open doors to the occupations most in demand in California, and to jobs and careers in emerging industries."

Through a competitive process designed to discover the most effective programs, 10 private and public agencies were chosen to receive grants averaging just under \$500,000 each. These agencies offer a wide range of innovative services including job training and retraining; apprenticeships and internships; and drug treatment and mental health services to help veterans move successfully into the civilian workforce.

The programs are open to veterans with service-related disabilities, those who have left military service within the past four years, veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and other military campaigns, and those who must overcome a variety of barriers as they enter the labor market.

The funding for the services comes from nearly \$4 million from the Workforce Investment Act Governor's discretionary 15 percent of Workforce Investment Act funds and almost \$1 million of WIA Dislocated worker 25 percent additional funds. The California Labor and Workforce Development Agency's Employment Development Department exercises oversight authority for the funds.

A list of the grant recipients follows.

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**VETERANS EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

<b>Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Target Population</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>WIA 15 Percent Funds</b>	<b>WIA 25 Percent Funds</b>	<b>Total Award Amount</b>
Able-Disabled Advocacy, Inc.	Veterans	San Diego	\$400,000	\$100,000	\$500,000
Imperial Valley Regional Occupation	Veterans	Imperial	\$356,467	\$89,118	\$445,585
Inter-City Services, Inc.	Veterans	Alameda	\$400,000	\$100,000	\$500,000
Kern/Inyo/Mono	Veterans	Kern	\$400,000	\$100,000	\$500,000
Monterey County	Veterans	Monterey	\$400,000	\$100,000	\$500,000
New Directions	Veterans	Los Angeles	\$400,000	\$100,000	\$500,000
North Bay Resource Center	Veterans	Sonoma	\$400,000	\$100,000	\$500,000
North County Interfaith Council	Veterans	San Diego	\$400,000	\$100,000	\$500,000
United States Veterans' Initiative-Inglewood	Veterans	Los Angeles	\$400,000	\$100,000	\$500,000
Vietnam Veterans of San Diego	Veterans	San Diego	\$400,000	\$100,000	\$500,000
<b>Total Funding</b>			<b>\$3,956,467</b>	<b>\$989,118</b>	<b>\$4,945,585</b>

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